

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Kermarec et al.  
Serial No.: 10/054,207  
For: METHODS OF ESTABLISHING VIRTUAL CIRCUITS AND  
OF PROVIDING A VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORK  
SERVICE THROUGH A SHARED NETWORK, AND  
PROVIDER EDGE DEVICE FOR SUCH NETWORK  
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**LETTER ACCOMPANYING NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

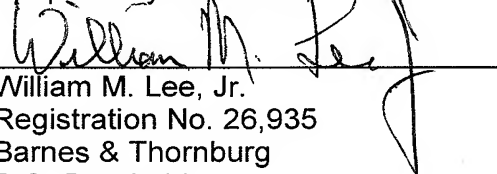
A Response for this application was filed with the Patent and Trademark Office on March 28, 2007 but, unfortunately, it appears that the Examiner has had insufficient time to consider the Response before the 6-month deadline arrived.

Accordingly, a Notice of Appeal is being filed concurrently herewith in order to give the Examiner sufficient time to consider the Response which, it is submitted, is dispositive of this application and the application should therefore be proceeding to allowance.

Further action by the Examiner is awaited, and any inquiries should be directed to the undersigned.

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